

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2001 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5

CURRENT SITUATION:

Eight new large fires were reported, five in the Northern Rockies, and one each in Eastern Great Basin, Rocky Mountain and Western Great Basin. Three large fires reached containment, one each in Southern California, Northern Rockies and Northwest Areas. Initial attack activity remains light nationwide. Very high to extreme fire danger was reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection confirmed the mid-air collision of two of their Grumman S-2 aircraft yesterday afternoon. The aircraft were making aerial retardant drops on the Bus fire near the town of Hopland, CA in Mendocino County. Both pilots were fatally injured. The National Transportation Safety Board has been notified.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

Priorities are being established by the Northern Rockies Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

FRIDLEY, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Livingston, MT. Structure protection measures remain in place. Aerial retardant drops and extensive helicopter water drops were utilized to support crews with fireline construction. Crews continue to make good progress with construction of containment lines. Local road closures remain in effect.

LITTLE JOE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Joki) is assigned. This fire is ten miles northwest of Gardiner, MT. A patrol cabin in Yellowstone National Park was lost. Crews continue with structure protection.

MOOSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Houseman) is assigned and a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) has been ordered. This fire is 13 miles north of Whitefish, MT. Extreme fire behavior was experienced with crown fires and torching.

EAR, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles southeast of Columbia Falls, MT. Yesterday afternoon the fire jumped an avalanche chute on the west flank which was being utilized as a natural barrier, and burned about 50 acres. Helicopter water drops and aerial retardant are being utilized to slow the fire spread.

MONUMENT, Gallatin National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Adams) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is in Sweet Grass County, MT in the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Area. An evacuation plan

has been completed and is being coordinated by Sweet Grass County and local law enforcement.

SULPHUR, Yellowstone National Park. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles southeast of Canyon Village, WY. This fire is being managed within Yellowstone National Park Parkwide Complex which includes the Stone and Sulphur fires. Aerial and ground resource continue to monitor these fires.

TOBOGGAN, Flathead National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 25 miles east of Bigfork, MT.

BERGSICKE, Flathead National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 26 miles east of Bigfork, MT.

CANNON, Flathead National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 25 miles southeast of Bigfork, MT.

LONG, Flathead National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 29 miles east of Bigfork, MT.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
FRIDLEY	MT	GNF	24000	15	9/5	998	24	36	13	0	2.8M
LITTLE JOE	MT	GNF	720	20	UNK	304	9	7	4	1	484K
MOOSE	MT	FNF	4700	5	UNK	559	17	14	7	0	1.5M
EAR	MT	FNF	550	20	9/6	372	13	3	4	0	1.2M
MONUMENT	MT	GNF	1210	0	9/30	81	2	0	2	0	245K
SULPHUR	WY	YNP	250	0	11/15	9	1	0	1	0	8K
TOBOGGAN	MT	FNF	110	0	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	NR
BERGSICKE	MT	FNF	500	0	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	NR
CANNON	MT	FNF	210	0	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	NR
LONG	MT	FNF	210	0	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	NR
NORTH SAW MILL	MT	MCD	1270	100	---	13	0	2	1	0	303K

MCD = Miles City Field Office, BLM

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage the Virginia, Icicle, Spruce Springs/Dome, and Tonasket complexes in eastern Washington. Priorities are being established by the Northwest Multi-Agency Coordinating Group based on information submitted via Wildland Fire Situation Analysis reports and Incident Status Summary (ICS-209) forms.

VIRGINIA LAKE COMPLEX, Colville Agency, BIA. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. U.S. Army Task Force Phoenix Blaze, commanded by LTC Ronald Huther at Ft. Lewis, WA, is assigned. This complex, comprised of the St. Mary's, Goose Lake, Brewster, Gambol Mill, Bailey Mountain, and Virginia Lake fires, is 12 miles south of Okanogan, WA. Fireline construction and mopup operations are continuing on the St. Mary, Brewster and Bailey Mountain fires. Rehabilitation efforts are beginning on the Virginia Lake fire.

MT. LEONA COMPLEX, Colville National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Stutler) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles northwest of Republic, WA. With higher temperatures and lower relative humidity, fire activity has increased with spot fires occurring outside the containment lines. Crews continue with direct attack on the east flank.

REX CREEK COMPLEX, Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Gelobter) and a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rios) are assigned. This complex, comprised of the Rex Creek, Glory Mountain, and four other fires, is 34 miles northwest of Lake Chelan, WA in the Sawtooth Wilderness Area. Crews continue to mopup hot spots with the assistance of helicopter water drops.

WINDY-SWAMP COMPLEX, Okanogan National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This complex is near Tonasket, WA in the Pasayten Wilderness Area. Crews continue with mopup operations on the Windy Peak fire employing minimum impact suppression techniques. Reinforcement of fireline and mopup on the Long Swamp fire continues.

SLEEPY COMPLEX, Colville National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This complex, consisting of the Sleepy and Buckhorn fires, is 24 miles northwest of Inchelium, WA. Crews continue with fireline construction. Crews quickly contained a slopover on one division.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	\$\$\$ C-T-D
VIRGINIA LAKE C	WA	COA	82773	75	8/29	2046	36	84	11	12	15.3M
MT. LEONA COMPL	WA	COF	6144	75	UNK	1465	45	40	7	0	7.6M
REX CREEK COMPL	WA	WEF	43000	65	9/7	702	17	2	9	2	4.9M
WINDY-SWAMP COM	WA	OKF	1200	50	UNK	544	18	5	5	0	780K
SLEEPY COMPLEX	WA	COF	1410	95	8/28	426	11	11	2	0	1.4M
ICICLE COMPLEX	WA	WEF	7697	100	---	630	19	3	4	1	7.7M

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

ROUGH DIAMONDS, Lower Snake River District, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Murphy) is on order. This fire is three miles northeast of Silver City, ID. The fire made dramatic runs along the south and west flanks. A strike team of structure protection engines was mobilized to Silver City and residents have been notified of possible evacuation contingency plans. The main access road to Silver City has been closed due to fire runs.

MOLLIE, Uinta National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hefner) transitioned with a Type 3 organization last evening. This fire is 1/4 mile east of Santaquin, UT. Crews are being flown to remote areas and supported on the fireline with helicopter bucket work.

ELK CREEK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stanich) is assigned and will transition with a Type 3 organization today. This fire is 15 miles east of Warren, ID. Good progress with

containment efforts were made with the support of air operations.

FALCON, Bridger Teton National Forest. This fire, which began on 8/6 is located in the Teton Wilderness approximately two miles south of Yellowstone National Park. Due to the remoteness of this fire, and safety and logistical support concerns, a confinement strategy has been implemented. Structure protection was put in for two cabins. The fire remains in monitor status.

SNOWSHOE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This fire, which began on 7/20 is seven miles east of Landmark, ID. The fire continues to make active runs in the Pistol Creek drainage within the parameters of the Wildland Fire Situation Analysis report. Direct suppression tactics are not being utilized.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ROUGH DIAMONDS	ID	BOD	6500	40	8/31	199	6	7	3	0	NR
MOLLIE	UT	UIF	8021	95	UNK	238	6	2	6	2	2.6M
ELK CREEK	ID	PAF	2690	80	9/15	269	7	1	5	0	2.9M
FALCON	WY	BTF	2500	0	UNK	3	0	0	0	0	NR
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	5000	---	9/20	2	0	1	0	0	1.6M

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

STAR, Eldorado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Carlson) is assigned. This fire is northeast of Georgetown, CA. Campgrounds and roads in the area continue to be closed to the public. Extreme slopes and heavy dry fuels are hindering containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STAR	CA	ENF	4000	0	9/8	1158	32	15	4	0	600K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

HIGHWAY, Sequoia National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Carvalho) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles east of Dunlap, CA.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
HIGHWAY	CA	SQF	4184	85	8/30	1008	23	23	6	8	4.7M
NORTH FORK	CA	SNF	4132	100	---	1855	42	34	10	2	4M

SNF = Sierra National Forest

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

REPEATER, Ely Field Office, BLM. This fire is five miles west of Ruth, NV. No further information was received.

GRANITE, Great Basin National Park. This fire is 60 miles southeast of Ely, NV. Crews continue to make excellent progress with mopup operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
REPEATER	NV	ELD	180	0	UNK	35	1	5	0	0	NR
GRANITE	NV	GBP	618	85	8/31	65	2	2	1	0	405K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

THOMPSON GULCH, White River Field Office. This fire is 18 miles southwest of Meeker, CO. The fire grew rapidly in heavy pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Oil and gas wells in the immediate area have been shut down. Structure protection is in place.

BOHNSTEAD DRAW, Casper Dispatch Center Counties. This fire burning in pinyon pine, juniper, and sagebrush is seven miles northeast of Guernsey, WY. Moderate fire activity was observed with creeping ground fire and limited torching.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
THOMPSON GULCH	CO	WRD	200	0	8/29	20	0	2	1	0	NR
BOHNSTEAD DRAW	WY	CPX	740	80	UNK	94	2	9	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN WESTERN PORTIONS OF SOUTHERN MONTANA FORE LOW HUMIDITY, GUSTY WINDS AND DRY THUNDERSTORMS \*\*\*

A cold front will move into the Northern Rockies which will bring partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of dry thunderstorms. High temperatures will be 75 to 85 in the mountains, and 90 to 100 at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent. Winds will be west to northwest at 10 to 20 mph.

A ridge of high pressure remains entrenched over the Great Basin and western Rockies bringing mostly sunny skies with some isolated, mainly dry thunderstorms over the mountains. High temperatures will be 75 to 85 in the mountains, and upper 80's and 90's at lower elevations. Minimum

relative humidity will range from 2 to 12 percent in Utah, 10 to 20 percent in the valleys and 14 to 28 percent in the mountains of Idaho. Winds will be westerly at 5 to 15 mph except 10 to 20 mph in eastern Idaho.

High pressure continues to strengthen over northern California bringing sunny conditions. High temperatures will be in the 90's to 108 inland. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 18 percent, and winds will be southeast to southwest at 5 to 15 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1	1		1	6	3	12
NORTHWEST	ACRES	0	0		800	1	1	802
CA-NORTH	FIRES					16	3	19
CA-NORTH	ACRES					95	1	96
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		1			15	5	21
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		7558			28	1672	9258
NORTHERN	FIRES					7	2	9
NORTHERN	ACRES					0	1103	1103
GB-EAST	FIRES		2			4	8	14
GB-EAST	ACRES		6500			151	1004	7655
GB-WEST	FIRES	0	1					1
GB-WEST	ACRES	1	180					181
SOUTHWEST	FIRES		1				1	2
SOUTHWEST	ACRES		8				0	8
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		3			7	1	11
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		200			0	3	203
EASTERN	FIRES					4		4
EASTERN	ACRES					1		1
SOUTHERN	FIRES					33	1	34
SOUTHERN	ACRES					77	1	78
TOTAL	FIRES	1	9	0	1	92	24	127
TOTAL	ACRES	1	14446	0	800	353	3785	19385

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	2	15	2	310	3	334
ALASKA	ACRES	0	1085	1611	5842	210139	3263	221940
NORTHWEST	FIRES	241	327	27	37	1409	1241	3282
NORTHWEST	ACRES	96580	296075	6487	987	98961	105819	604909
CA-NORTH	FIRES	122	75	8	23	2398	894	3520
CA-NORTH	ACRES	208	75032	5871	5	38959	79864	199939
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	107	116	16	39	1795	612	2685

CA-SOUTH	ACRES	406	8950	1263	11	19716	29715	60061
NORTHERN	FIRE	743	41	19	35	623	661	2122
NORTHERN	ACRES	8205	4921	393	2858	11868	37155	65400
GB-EAST	FIRES	64	909		60	806	847	2686
GB-EAST	ACRES	781	102012		940	123046	30649	257428
GB-WEST	FIRES	18	562	4	15	108	200	907
GB-WEST	ACRES	8971	478793	1	812	31409	61591	581577
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1142	200	16	43	707	1551	3659
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5384	5492	4568	1083	19382	20442	56351
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	325	554	23	53	391	525	1871
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2032	12866	300	175	41193	8537	65103
EASTERN	FIRES	330		10	49	10480	454	11323
EASTERN	ACRES	14854		18	496	40259	5526	61153
SOUTHERN	FIRES	35		60	1081	23283	688	25147
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4749		19316	37329	614366	18813	694573
TOTALS	FIRES	3129	2786	198	1437	42310	7676	57536
TOTALS	ACRES	142170	985226	39828	50538	1249298	401374	2868434

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES                    62,688  
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES                    2,936,751

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
NORTHWEST	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
CA-SOUTH	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
NORTHERN	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES		1					1
GB-EAST	ACRES		70					70
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	ACRES	0	70	0	0	0	0	70

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1	1		3	1	6
ALASKA	ACRES		5	745		449	1081	2280
NORTHWEST	FIRES	17	66	9			314	406
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	4801	7194			50057	66408
CA-NORTH	FIRES	20	6	5	1		41	73
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	615	10		9512	10499
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2	3	2		44	51
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	208	174		9305	9699
NORTHERN	FIRES	21	7	112		44	301	485
NORTHERN	ACRES	1736	5840	15570		4309	29906	57361
GB-EAST	FIRES		9	4	3	9	40	65
GB-EAST	ACRES		887	1890	177	1490	8876	13320
GB-WEST	FIRES		9		1		2	12
GB-WEST	ACRES		805		0		182	987
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	13	29	11		2	204	259
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2202	21947	35634		500	59147	119430
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	19	114	3	2	50	190
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	14836	303	762	26747	49540
EASTERN	FIRES	10		68	10	320	126	534
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		17861	1355	43868	16085	87810
SOUTHERN	FIRES	7		182	15	142	882	1228
SOUTHERN	ACRES	718		53257	33902	87697	702286	877860
TOTAL	FIRES	90	148	509	35	522	2005	3309
TOTAL	ACRES	20415	38789	147810	35921	139075	913184	1295194

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES				2		1	3
NORTHWEST	ACRES				1		1	2
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				29		11	40
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				7742		73	7815
NORTHERN	FIRES				12		23	35
NORTHERN	ACRES				501		3197	3698
GB-EAST	FIRES				2			2
GB-EAST	ACRES				580			580
GB-WEST	FIRES	2	25		1			28
GB-WEST	ACRES	0	5796		618			6414
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				2		21	23
SOUTHWEST	ACRES				1104		7185	8289
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		17	1	2		10	30
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		2810	48	934		603	4395
EASTERN	FIRES						2	2

EASTERN	ACRES						24	24
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	2	42	1	50	0	68	163
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	8606	48	11480	0	11083	31217

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	9	3	1059	8465
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	68	17772
ALBERTA	0	0	819	151699
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	202	124	106116
SASKATCHEWAN	12	6	726	180003
MANITOBA	1	1	477	77875
ONTARIO	15	25	1370	10563
QUEBEC	2	9	938	31129
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	181	809
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	400	545
NOVA SCOTIA	1	1	374	401
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	20	24
NATIONAL PARKS	4	1	91	17319
TOTALS	47	248	6647	602720

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews Fed	Crews ST/OT	Engs Fed	Engs ST/OT	Heli Fed	Heli ST/OT	Airt Fed	Airt ST/OT	Ovrhd Fed	Ovrhd ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	116	88	54	140	20	37			1029	1542
CA-NORTH	43	19	31	12	9	3			122	133
CA-SOUTH	117	71	102	86	40	11	5		529	597
NORTHERN	70	7	11	72	15	27			453	313
GB-EAST	20	9	35	5	15	7			166	44
GB-WEST	2	2	12	3	2				6	1
SOUTHWEST	5		12							
ROCKY MTN	3	1	8	11		1			5	12
EASTERN									16	
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	376	197	265	329	101	86	5	0	2326	2642

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